

NDT and RDT National Meeting Agenda

October 29-30, 2007

Hilton Garden Inn, 1800 Powell Street
Emeryville, CA 94608

Monday, October 29

8:00-10:00

Setting the Stage – National Overview

Objective: Provide overview of dredging and dredged material management from a national perspective. Provide welcome, introductions, and meeting objectives.

- Introductions and logistics
Jim Walker (USACE)
Craig Vogt (EPA)
- Welcome
LTC Craig Kiley, District Commander (USACE - San Francisco District)
Alexis Strauss, Water Division Director (EPA – Region 9)
- National Overview of Dredging and Dredged Material Management
Jim Walker (USACE)
- Perspectives from Our Partners
Jerry Bernard (USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service)
Kerry Kehoe (NOAA – Office of Coastal and Resource Management)
Tom Bigford (NOAA – Fisheries)
- Keeping the NDT Relevant: Assessing Our Progress
Craig Vogt (EPA)

10:00-10:30

Break

10:30-12:00

Economic Drivers for Dredging and Management

Objective: Address current funding issues, identify economic challenges and potential solutions, and have a facilitated discussion of these issues.

Outcome: Identify a few solutions and next steps to address challenges in current economic atmosphere. Provide recommendations for the NDT and the Tuesday discussion sessions on the Action Agenda and priority actions for the next year.

Moderator – Drew Carey (Coastal Vision)

- Update on the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
Jim Walker (USACE)
John Bobb (USCG)
- Funding Limitations and Possibilities
Rich Worthington (USACE)
- Marketing Beneficial Use Projects
Victoria Pebbles (Great Lakes Commission)
Craig Forget (USACE)
- Economic Drivers: Challenges and Potential Solutions
Jim Haussner (California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference)

Open Discussion

12:00-1:30

Lunch – on your own

1:30-2:40

Regional Sediment Management

Objective: Discuss how comprehensive approaches to sediment management can be implemented in different regions and through different contexts.

Outcome: Strengthen RDT and NDT understanding of the practical implementation of RSM in dredged material management and in other existing management strategies and efforts. Provide recommendations for the NDT and the Tuesday discussion sessions on the Action Agenda and priority actions for the next year.

Moderator – Lynn Martin

- Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Long Term Management Strategy
Al Paniccia (USACE – San Francisco District)
Brian Ross (EPA – Region 9)
- RSM and Adaptation to Sea-level Rise
Will Travis (Bay Conservation and Development Commission)
- TMDLs as a Sediment Management Tool
Peter Kozelka (EPA – Region 9)
- Watershed Sediment Management: Challenges and Outcomes from the Southeast
Daniel Small (USACE – South Atlantic Division)
Doug Johnson (EPA – Region 4)

2:40-3:10

Break

3:10-4:20

Regional Sediment Management, continued

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- Coastal Zone Management and RSM
Jeff Warren (NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources)
- Coastal Consistency
Kerry Kehoe (NOAA – Office of Coastal and Resource Management)

Question and Answer

4:20-5:30

Ecological Concerns Related to Dredged Material Management and Port Planning

Objective: Discuss opportunities for applying ecological/ecosystem considerations to decision making. Identify challenges and potential solutions for improving the consultation processes.

Outcome: Increased understanding of key issues for RDTs in the consultation process. Provide recommendations for the NDT and the Tuesday discussion sessions on the Action Agenda and priority actions for the next year.

Moderator – Drew Carey (Coastal Vision)

- Consultations under ESA and Magnuson-Stevens
Tom Bigford, NOAA Fisheries
Dick Butler NOAA Fisheries
Susan Moore FWS

Open Discussion

6:30-8:00

Informal gathering in Pavilion Lounge

Tuesday, October 30

8:00-8:50

Sediment Characterization

Objective: Provide update on current sediment characterization efforts.

Outcome: Identification of any sediment characterization topics that should be included in afternoon discussion of NDT/RDT priorities.

Moderator – Tom Fredette (USACE – New England)

- Overview of Revised Testing Manual for Ocean Dumping and 404 (Greenbook/ITM)
Doug Johnson (EPA – Region 4)
- PNW Regional Sediment Evaluation Framework
Rick Parkin (EPA – Region 10)

8:50-9:40

Management Options and Beneficial Use

Objective: Discuss several beneficial use and sediment management projects, focusing on implementation and addressing procedural obstacles.

Outcome: Increased understanding of innovative sediment management approaches. Identification of any beneficial use topics that should be included in afternoon discussion of NDT/RDT priorities.

Moderator – Molly Madden (EPA)

- Beneficial Uses and Standard Operating Procedure for the Mobile District Dredged Material Management Program
Vern Gwinn (USACE)
- Issues Relating to the Recovery, Reuse and Recycling of Dredged Sediments
Larry Zanko, Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI), University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD)
- Innovative Project for Sand Separation and Recovery
Brian Foss (Santa Cruz Harbor)

9:40-10:00

Silent Inspector

Objective: Provide overview of USACE Silent Inspector.

Outcome: Improved understanding of this technology.

Eddie Culpepper (USACE)

10:10-10:30

Break

10:30-12:00

Seasonal Constraints

Objective: Initiate a national discussion of next steps on environmental windows. Facilitated discussion begins with a regional experience and expands to national discussion.

Outcome: Identify key challenges and prioritize next steps that can be taken by the NDT and RDTs to improve the environmental windows process.

- Environmental Windows Roundtable Discussion: Challenges and Next Steps: Where are we since 2002 National Research Council report and what should we do next?

Moderator – Tom Bigford (NOAA Fisheries)

Ellen Johnck (Bay Planning Coalition)

Dick Butler (NOAA-Fisheries)

Steve Goldbeck (Bay Conservation and Development Commission)

Open Discussion

12:00-1:30

Lunch – on your own

1:30-3:30

Assessing Our Direction: National Dredging Policy and Action Agenda Review

Objective: Provide overview of National Dredging Policy and Action Agenda review. Identify next steps for the Policy and Action Agenda.

Outcome: Prioritized list of recommendations and key points for a supplement document to the Action Agenda

Moderator – Drew Carey (Coastal Vision)

Open Discussion

3:30-4:00

Break

4:00-5:30

Next Steps and Wrap-up: Prioritize NDT/RDT action list

Objective: Identify and prioritize actions for NDT and RDTs over the next few years. Each RDT will commit to at least one action. NDT member agencies will also commit to specific actions.

Outcome: List of next steps and leads for actions identified during meeting.

Moderator – Drew Carey (Coastal Vision)

Open Discussion

5:30

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